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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Lionel FOMPERIE, Pascal AMIGOUET, Faiza BERGAYA,  
and Tushar MANDALIA entitled A NANOCOMPOSITE BASED ON A  
BRIDGED CLAY, AND A CABLE COMPRISING SAID COMPOSITE  
**Assignee: NEXANS**  
Our Ref: Q77844

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/866,836 (Confirmation No. 7249) filed May 30, 2001, of Lionel FOMPERIE, Pascal AMIGOUET, Faiza BERGAYA, and Tushar MANDALIA entitled A NANOCOMPOSITE BASED ON A BRIDGED CLAY, AND A CABLE COMPRISING SAID COMPOSITE.

This divisional application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, one (1) drawing sheet, a Preliminary Amendment, an Information Disclosure Statement, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. The statutory filing fee will be submitted at a later date.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2831 and Examiner Chau Nguyen.

Foreign priority is claimed from:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| France         | 0007017               | May 31, 2000       |

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/866,836.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

|                    |                      |   |                   |   |         |   |                   |          |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------|---|---------|---|-------------------|----------|
| Total claims       | <u>4</u> - <u>20</u> | = | <u>          </u> | x | \$18.00 | = | <u>          </u> | \$0.00   |
| Independent claims | <u>1</u> - <u>3</u>  | = | <u>          </u> | x | \$86.00 | = | <u>          </u> | \$0.00   |
| Base Fee           |                      |   |                   |   |         |   |                   | \$770.00 |

**TOTAL FILING FEE** \$770.00

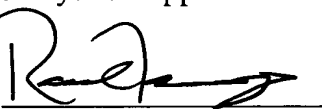


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The statutory filing fee of \$770.00 will be submitted at a later date.  
The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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